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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116,
98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

The tracfone, when first introduced, was the most cost-efficient way to own a cell phone. The whole purpose of getting a tracfone was to control the cost and airtime. As a consumer dealing with various kinds of rates in almost every aspect of our day-to-day lives, we observe that once the rates start to increase they almost never stop. At this moment I see no problem in raising the cost, but as time goes on this issue will most assuredly arise again. In the future I, as a consumer, could predict that the rates will increase far above what it is today. The point is I would not mind paying the extra dollar today but would not like to pay the extra \$20 dollars next year. When the rates continue to rise, tracfone will no longer be the better bargain. I can understand your needs to want to raise the rates, but if memory serves me correctly this company was organized for people who did not want to spend the amount of money for a regular cell phone. So in my opinion I think!

that raising the rates on the pre-paid tracfones will most assuradly be the downfall, prehaps even, the end to pre-paid cell phones.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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